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Youngsters get food education

FOOD lovers young and old were handed a tasty lesson in how to grow and cook healthy meals at Basingstoke's annual cooking festival in the town on Sunday.

Adults flocked to the town's Market Place to learn some culinary tips first hand from celebrity chef Brian Turner as part of this year's Taste at the Top of Town event, as well as enjoy some tasty samples.

And youngsters also learnt their lettuces from their cabbages as they fed and bathed the baby vegetables as part of street theatre act Plunge Boom's Allotment Show.

See page 3 for full story.

TWO leading borough councillors have called for Basingstoke and Deane to "stand on its own two feet" and become a unitary authority.

Such a move would see the borough council take on all of the responsibilities for the services currently run by Hampshire County Council, such as transport, education, waste collection and social care.

The county council last week launched its own consultation to examine the prospect of replacing all councils with a single 'mega-unitary' authority for Hampshire.

And while this idea has not proved to be a popular one with Basingstoke and Deane's council, the leader of Basingstoke's Labour group has taken opposition a step further by calling for the authority to break away on its own.

"We can do it, I have no doubt at all," said Paul Harvey.

"Basingstoke and Deane is more than big enough, both economically and in size, to stand on our own two feet.

"We punch well above our weight in the region, while the county council don't deliver and cut back on all the services that they offer.

By **Christian Wilson**

"Hampshire cannot want the best for Basingstoke and Deane, only we can."

Cllr Harvey referred to the council's recent decisions to cut the number of children's centres in the borough from 11 to one, and also slash opening times at Basingstoke's tip in Wade Road, when explaining his view.

He also pointed to the borough council's decision to step in and fund homeless services in Basingstoke on its own, after Hampshire halved the funding for its 'Supporting People' programme.

One of the key players involved in implementing this deal was deputy leader Terri Reid, who called for the borough council to launch its own consultation into the proposal.

Cllr Reid said: "I'm very happy to keep an open mind about this, to be honest, and would like to explore it.

"Supporting People showed that we can do it, and it just makes absolute sense for these decisions to be taken locally.

"I'm very much against the idea of a mega-unitary, and don't see what's in it for our residents – I really don't."

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Joy as mayor's cash given out to charities

THREE Basingstoke charities have received a valuable boost after each were awarded cash raised in last year's Mayor's Charity Appeal.

By **Christian Wilson**

Kempshott councillor Anne Court served as Basingstoke and Deane's mayor until Popley West's Jane Frankum was handed the mayoral chains in May.

At the beginning of her time in the role, Cllr Court chose Ark Cancer Centre Charity, Basingstoke Multicultural Forum and Inspero as the charities to benefit from a year of fundraising on her behalf.

· Former mayor Cllr Anne Court (second left) hands over the cheque to (from left) Olya Elliott, Catherine Waters-Clark, and Mark Jones

And last Thursday, she completed her final mayoral act by splitting the total of £23,753.67 between the three charities.

She said: "I am delighted, and grateful, that people from all parts of the borough community were involved in supporting the Mayor's Charity Appeal.

"And I am also pleased that it has helped to raise the profile of, and funds for, all three charities."

The funds were raised throughout the 12 months through a series of different Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council-run events, with each organisation being given £7,917.89.

Ark Cancer Centre Charity is looking to raise £5million towards building the Basingstoke area's first unique cancer treatment centre on land close to junction 7 of the M3.

Director of fundraising and communications, Mark Jones, said: "Thanks to everyone who supported the Mayor's Charity Appeal.

"But particular thanks must go to Cllr Court who worked so hard during her year in office and was a mayor to be proud of."

An even chunk of the money was also distributed to healthy food educators Inspero and equality group Basingstoke Multicultural Forum (BMF).

Chief executive of Inspero, Catherine Waters-Clark, said: "Inspero have really valued being one of the Mayor's charities.

"As a result, many more local children in Basingstoke will benefit from affordable, educational classes, learning about healthy eating, and will be given the opportunity to develop their skills and knowledge about food."

Olya Elliott, vice-chair of BMF, added: "BMF members were delighted to be involved in the Mayor's Charity Appeal.

"Its success has raised BMF's profile and strengthened our aim of promoting better understanding and contact between different religions and cultures in the borough."

New mayor, Cllr Frankum, has decided to take a completely different approach to her predecessors by choosing to put all of the funds from her year into a community chest with Basingstoke Voluntary Action, who help a variety of different local charities.

Two arrested in drug raid operation

TWO men have been arrested after a number of drug raids were carried out by police on properties in Basingstoke this week.

Hampshire Constabulary officers executed warrants at five different houses across the town on Monday as part of Operation Fortress.

The raids saw police show up unannounced at addresses in Beethoven Road, Goat Lane, St Michael's Road, Warton Road and Woolford Way.

And as a result of the warrant at Warton Road, two men aged 18 and 19 years old, both from London, were arrested on suspicion of conspiring to supply a Class A controlled drug.

Both are currently in custody following the warrants, while officers also recovered quantities of suspected Class A and Class B drugs, cash and drugs paraphernalia from the homes.

Operation Fortress is the force's initiative to tackle drugs, drug-related violence and protect those in communities vulnerable to criminal exploitation, with police appealing to the public to help them with the problem.

Inspector Ben Taylor, from the Basingstoke Neighbourhood Policing Team, said: "Drug-related activity will not be tolerated in Basingstoke.

"The role of the community in tackling this type of crime is vital.

"If we don't know about, we can't act on it."

· Warton Road (picture by Scriniary via geograph.org.uk)

News Bites

M3 horror crash

BASINGSTOKE: A man had to have his leg amputated after crashing his van on the M3 near Basingstoke last week.

The unnamed 25-year-old driver, from Bournemouth, was driving his white Ford Transit Tipper van when he collided with the mile marker post for junction six as he left the M3 northbound carriageway.

The incident took place just after 7.10pm on Friday and is not believed to have involved any other vehicles, with the motorway closed between junctions six and seven for nearly 12 hours as a result.

An air ambulance landed at the scene to treat the man, before he was then flown to Southampton General Hospital, where he remains in a critical but stable condition.

Any motorist that was travelling along the M3 at the time and saw what happened is asked to contact PC Cheryl Cumming on 101, quoting Operation Function, on crime reference number 44160283989.

Call for peace

BASINGSTOKE: The borough council has called for residents to volunteer their time to help Basingstoke's Peace Garden bloom ahead of a landmark date in 2018.

Two years time will mark the centenary of the end of the First World War, with designs for a new garden in War Memorial Park currently being drawn up to celebrate peace.

The garden will be situated between the London Road entrance to the park and the aviary, with the borough council's mayor, Jane Frankum, calling on community-minded residents to help out.

She said: "I'm hoping more residents and businesses in Basingstoke and Deane will come forward to help the Peace Garden volunteer group in many ways.

"The Peace Garden is an inspirational project."

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Celebrity chef cooks up a storm at food festival

MORE than 3,000 residents tickled their taste buds in Basingstoke's Market Place on Sunday when Hampshire Fare's food festival came to town.

By **Christian Wilson**

Food fanatics of all ages were able to sample a range of different foods produced from across the county as part of the annual Taste at the Top of Town show.

At centre stage was celebrity chef Brian Turner CBE, who brought the cooking skills shown on Ready Steady Cook and Saturday Kitchen to the heart of Basingstoke.

Brian, who is also known for appearing on cookery shows A Taste of Britain and My Life on a Plate, created a range of different summer-themed dishes in front of a large crowd of people sat on hay stacks in front of the Willis Museum.

And local chefs Gordon Stott, from The Sun Inn at Dummer, and Portuguese Ponto De Encontro Café chef Paulo Gonclaves also joined him in the food theatre, where they entertained the public by producing some family favourites with a twist.

Residents were also able to sample food and drink treats from Hampshire Fare producers and Basingstoke and Deane traders, while being entertained by giant culinary performers the Hungry Chefs.

And there was even something for those too young to cook in the kitchen as youngsters helped tend and look after the baby vegetables in street theatre act Plunge Boom's Allotment Show.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council deputy leader, Terri Reid, said: "This year's Taste at the Top of the Town was more popular than ever, with top chefs, fine food and local produce in abundance.

"And Brian Turner certainly tickled the tastebuds with his fabulous summertime fare from Hampshire."

The food-themed showpiece marked the beginning of a busy Top of Town events programme, organised by the borough council.

A colourful musical procession of giant illuminated skulls, skeletons, lanterns and dancers will once again make its way through town to celebrate the Mexican Day of the Dead on October 28.

The French market will then return to Basingstoke on November 18, while Christmas at the Top of Town and a Chinese New Year celebration will then take place on December and January respectively.

And leader of the Basingstoke Town Centre Programme, Cllr Reid, has called on residents to make sure they come down to help the town.

She added: "Fortunately, the food festival was just the starter course in the exciting events programme for the Top of the Town.

"I hope local residents and businesses will make a date in their diaries to come along and take part in the planned events.

"Everybody who comes along will be giving great support to local traders and the events to help rejuvenate the historic heart of Basingstoke."

• Celebrity chef Brian Turner entertained the crowds by putting on a live cooking lesson

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Owl stolen

BAUGHURST: A baby owl was stolen during a burglary at a house in Baughurst last week.

The owlet was taken at some point between 1pm and 5pm last Friday, with Hampshire police launching an investigation to track it down.

Call police on 101.

Art opening

BASINGSTOKE: An illustrator from Basingstoke's exhibition will arrive at the Willis Museum in the Top of Town on Saturday.

Lydia Fee's show 'Enliven: Reviving the past to put colour back in to Basingstoke' includes different drawings of the same locations in the town from across different eras, so as to illustrate the changes over time.

The free exhibition will run at the museum until September 10.

Failed theft

BASINGSTOKE: A Basingstoke vets practice was targeted over the weekend during a failed theft attempt.

The offenders broke into Brunswick Place Veterinary Clinic, in Brunswick Place, and attempted to steal a safe.

Nothing was taken, although the safe was damaged.

It happened between 7.30pm on Saturday night and 7.30am on Sunday morning.

County 'never listen', says borough councillor

• *From front page*

Hampshire County Council claim that such an authority could deliver council tax cuts for many residents, prevent services from being cut, and save £400million over the next 10 years.

County council leader Roy Perry said: "In setting out the options, we've focussed on getting the best value for money for residents, which is why we have included options that could see the county council and district councils merged into a single unitary.

"Some people have called this option a 'mega-unitary', when, in fact, it would be no larger than the current size of the county council.

"The county council is not setting out a preferred option, but is genuinely seeking the views of Hampshire people."

Norden councillor Paul Harvey rejected this claim however, insisting that the council would not listen to residents.

He added: "A mega-council for 1.3million people is utter madness.

"When has the council ever listened to consultations?

"They were told not to close children's centres or cut opening times at the tip, but they ignored it.

"They never listen."

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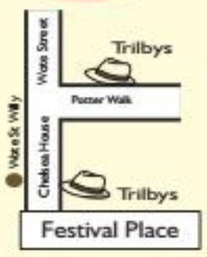

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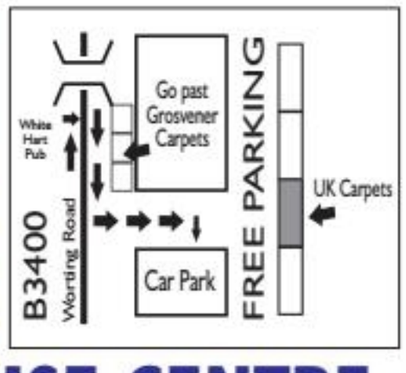

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Town's parks fly the flag high once again

TWO Basingstoke parks have kept a long run going by once again being named among the best parks in England and Wales.

Eastrop Park has been awarded the Green Flag for the 17th year on the bounce, while War Memorial Park has achieved the accolade for a ninth consecutive time.

The award is handed out by national environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, with a Green Flag flying overhead a sign to the public that the space boasts the highest possible standards.

Both parks are regularly used by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council to host community events, with War Memorial Park hosting the free music festival Basingstoke Live every year.

Cabinet member with responsibility for parks, Mark Ruffell, said: "Our team and volunteers put a tremendous amount of hard work into making sure these places can be enjoyed by everyone."

Keep Britain Tidy's Green Flag Award scheme manager Paul Todd added: "All of the flags flying this year are a testament to the efforts of the thousands of men and women who work tirelessly to maintain the high standards demanded by the Green Flag Award."

Progress made in preventing floods

THE Buckskin community was last week handed an insight into the progress made so far in stopping a repeat of the floods that devastated their streets in 2014.

By **Christian Wilson**

The interior of 45 different homes was damaged and more than 80 households had to be evacuated after torrential rain at the start of February that year overwhelmed the area's drainage system.

And more than two years on, residents contributed to a meeting of local councillors and representatives from organisations involved in improving the area's resilience to flooding on Wednesday.

· Flooding in Buckskin in 2014

Mitigation measures already introduced have seen Thames Water clean and repair their sewers and replace manhole covers with low leak alternatives, while Hampshire County Council's highways teams have cleaned highways gullies, among other changes.

And county councillor for Basingstoke North West, Stephen Reid, who chaired the meeting, insisted that the "important quick wins" had now been implemented.

He said: "Our priority has been to see whether there could be a technical solution to manage or mitigate the threat of any future groundwater flooding in Buckskin.

"We received a positive report from Hampshire County Council's technical experts and our consultants.

"This leads us to believe that it could be possible to pipe water away from Buckskin at an increased rate.

"Above all we need to be sure that we won't just move the problem onto another community."

In total, 77million litres of floodwater had to be pumped out as Buckskin remained flooded for more than a month, with the Government pledging £2m at the time to address the problems.

To secure the funds, the county council will need to match any grant aid with funding of its own.

Member for environment and transport, Rob Humby, said:

· Cllr Stephen Reid

"We have prioritised work on the communities that were hit hardest, including Buckskin, to the point where we can satisfy the initial Government requirements to demonstrate that there is an effective technical solution.

"We can now seek to firm up the next steps to secure approval and funding.

"I would like to reassure the residents of Buckskin that the county council will keep working on this, and engaging with our partners, to do all we can to mitigate the impact of future flooding in Buckskin."

Honour heroes through heritage lottery funding

WITH the nation marking the centenary of the Battle of the Somme, MP Maria Miller has urged organisations from Basingstoke to apply for Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) money to explore the stories of the time.

The 141-day battle in northern France was one of the bloodiest of the First World War, with the first day alone seeing 19,240 British soldiers killed in action.

And to ensure that the tales of bravery are passed onto the next generation, HLF has made £4million available in grants for communities looking to explore, conserve and share local heritage of the war.

Grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 are available as part of the programme, with Mrs Miller calling on Basingstoke to get involved.

She said: "It's important that we remember the impact of the war 100 years on and local projects and stories can be a real inspiration to our local community.

"There is still time to apply for National Lottery money and I would urge anyone in Basingstoke with an idea for their own project to get in touch with HLF."

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Countryside cash boost up for grabs

HAMPSHIRE residents living in the countryside can now bid for grant funding to help get small-scale projects off the ground.

The county council is running two schemes to specifically help rural businesses and volunteer groups that support their local community.

Grants of up to £20,000 are now available as part of the authority's Rural Retailers and Community Enterprise Grant Scheme.

And Hampshire County Council's Community Challenge Fund will also offer grants of up to £5,000 to encourage volunteering and support community-led flood alleviation schemes.

The council's rural affairs champion, Edward Heron, said: "There is some great work being done in Hampshire's rural communities by local retailers and groups making sure their businesses can thrive and their towns and villages remain accessible, vibrant, sustainable places to live in the 21st century.

"I'm pleased that Hampshire County Council's size and capacity allows for us to make funding available to enable us to support more worthwhile projects this year, across the county as a whole."

Visit hants.gov.uk/grants.

Cyber safety focus for PCC youth group

WITH Pokemon Go causing thousands of people to be glued to their smartphones nationwide, a group of young criminal justice workers have chosen cyber safety as one of their priorities for 2016.

By **Christian Wilson**

Each year, a team of up to 50 youngsters aged between 14 and 25 from across the county is chosen to come together to help tackle crime on behalf of Hampshire's police and crime commissioner (PCC).

And the current candidates in the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Youth Commission have now launched their own cyber safety campaign to encourage other youngsters to go and find internet safety help.

A survey conducted by the commission earlier this year found 66 per cent of respondents had little or no knowledge of the laws surrounding internet use, while they rated grooming, privacy and cyberbullying as their top concerns.

And with recent Government stats showing that 68 per cent of people from the region don't get the latest updates on their phones to protect them from cyber attacks, the commission has decided to act.

Member Alison Romaine, 17, said: "Growing generations haven't seen life without smartphones and so the human obsession with documentation, instead of being in paper form, is now displayed online and globally available, which in itself brings about issues of privacy and security.

"We don't want to criminalise this way of interaction but our campaign aims to simplify how to handle any issues online."

Ellie Moore, 20, added: "With the growth in accessibility of the internet for young people, it is vital to teach them not only how to avoid dangerous situations, but also how to find the help they need if have become a victim of cyber crime."

The Youth Commission will provide help on topics ranging from sexting to cyberbullying at a number of events over the next two months, including at Basingstoke College of Technology's (BCoT) Freshers Fayre on September 30.

Hampshire PCC Michael Lane said: "Alongside the real value of communication engagement and the use of technology comes some risks including risks of inappropriate behaviours.

"It's no surprise the commission is alert to understanding the issues around engaging safely with technology as well as valuing what it can do for us."

Have your say online

• The Youth Commission has launched its cyber safety campaign on behalf of Hampshire police and crime commissioner, Michael Lane

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Lottery results

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: St Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of its latest lottery draw from Friday, July 29.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 81587 of Tadley, while ticket 69518 of Leicester claims second prize of £100.

Third prize of £50 goes to Stoke-on-Trent ticket 75949, and Basingstoke ticket 75065 gets fourth prize of £20.

Prizes of £5 go to ticket numbers 39864, 78893, 49631, 54551, 44030, 20758, 51480, 33553, 27043, 26428, 48481, 32753, 20462, 50491, 38172, and 14701.

Vanishing queen

BASINGSTOKE: A new attraction has opened on the cobbled streets of Basingstoke's Milestones Museum in the leisure park.

The interactive family adventure sees museum workers dress up as Victorian citizens in 1897 England, with visitors following the clues to find Queen Victoria, who has been kidnapped.

The 'Mystery of the Vanishing Queen' attraction will be on at Milestones until October 30, with prices for the brain-teasing challenge costing £15 for a group of three.

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Camping cash

HATCH WARREN: A Basingstoke Brownie group will be able to carry on camping thanks to a donation from a housebuilder.

Persimmon Homes Thames Valley has selected the 2nd Hatch Warren Brownies to receive £500 as part of its Community Champions scheme.

The initiative, which supports groups and charities that improve the quality of life in their community, invites charities to bid for cash from a £750,000 national fund, with two donations of up to £1,000 made each month.

Big Wheel 24

BASINGSTOKE: Around 1,000 cyclists turned out in force in Basingstoke to take part in Big Wheel 24 in aid of a local charity last month.

It is estimated that a total of £60,000 of sponsorship money will be brought in for St Michael's Hospice from the 65-mile cycling route on July 24, which started at Down Grange and snaked through the borough.

Riders were also able to take on 39-mile and 21-mile routes as part of this year's event, while youngsters were also able to take on the five-mile challenge to raise money for charity.

Young scientist Charlie is championed by AWE

THE Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) has singled out a Basingstoke youngster as a potential future scientist.

By **Christian Wilson**

Year 6 student Charlie Willmott has impressed those at the nuclear deterrent manufacturer, as well as his teachers at North Waltham Primary School, with his passion for the subject.

The 11-year-old has defied his age by organising and running a weekly science club for fellow pupils at the school in Church Road during his lunch-hour over the past two years.

Charlie has even successfully launched his own rocket, with AWE handing him an award as part of its AWEsome education initiative, while also predicting big things from the youngster.

Community Engagement Manager at AWE, Phillippa Kent, said: "We wanted to recognise Charlie's contribution with his science club and his continuing fascination with science.

"We hope that he keeps this up and wish him well in his future studies."

Charlie, who moves on to begin his secondary education next term, was presented with his award at his leavers and award assembly at the end of last month.

• Charlie Willmott has been handed an award by the Atomic Weapons Establishment

And North Waltham head teacher Jeff Maidment was quick to praise the outgoing student.

He added: "Research shows the importance of capturing pupils' imagination at primary school.

"We are keen to continue working with AWE to feed pupils' enthusiasm to learn about science.

"It was AWE graduates and their hands-on experiments who inspired Charlie to start up his science club, which has been extremely popular with his fellow students."

Cancer charity partner chosen for half marathon

MACMILLAN Cancer Support has been confirmed as the headline charity partner for this year's Basingstoke Half Marathon.

The 13.1-mile race starting and ending at the War Memorial Park and passing through Ellisfield, Cliddesden and Farleigh Wallop will return for a sixth year on October 2.

Around 1,300 people pounded the pavement during last year's run across the town, with thousands of pounds being raised for a range of different organisations in need.

Among this number was Basingstoke's Dave Warman, who ran the half marathon for Macmillan after his grandmother was diagnosed with cancer.

He said: "The Basingstoke Half Marathon was the jewel in my running crown.

"My parents came to cheer me on and, as I crossed the finishing line, I saw them wearing Macmillan greens, supporting me."

• Dave Warman ran the half marathon for Macmillan last year

Across Hampshire, an average of 27 people a day are diagnosed with cancer, while 13 die from the illness, with Macmillan hoping that, by hosting the run, the charity can continue to help those affected.

Fundraising manager for North West Hampshire, Rachel Docherty, said: "It's events like the Basingstoke Half Marathon which are fantastic opportunities to get involved and it's volunteers like Dave who inspire so many others to sign up.

"We are always overwhelmed by the support for Macmillan from events across the country and are absolutely delighted to be the official charity partner for 2016.

"No one should have to face cancer alone and this event will help us continue to be there for people affected by cancer and their families when they need us most."

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Fly-tipping concerns amid recycling centre charges

CHARGING Basingstoke residents to drop off certain items at the town's tip may "lead to an increase in fly-tipping" in the area.

By **Christian Wilson**

That is the view of one town centre councillor, after it was announced that the move would be rolled out across Hampshire's 24 Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) from October 1.

In a bid to deliver £1.55million in savings, Hampshire County Council decided last month to start charging people for disposing of DIY and trade waste at centres, including at Basingstoke's Wade Road.

Normal household and garden waste will remain free, but dumping construction and demolition materials, such as concrete, bricks, sand and tiles, and soil, rubble, plasterboard and asbestos, will now come at a price for each visit.

• The HWRC in Wade Road

Other materials not classified as household waste could also be added to the list at a later date, with Brookvale and Kings Furlong councillor Jack Cousens expressing his fear that the change would put people off using HWRCs.

"It's a tip tax, which is utterly ridiculous," he said.

"The council is making changes that I feel are short sighted.

"I think it's wrong – we want to encourage people to use recycling facilities, not put them off, which charging people will do.

"So we may see an increase in fly-tipping because of this, as people decide to chance their arm and try not to get caught, rather than getting charged."

As well as the charge, the county council also announced that, from the start of next year, HWRCs would be shut all day on Thursdays, as well as opening at 11am, rather than at 9am.

The changes followed a 10-week public consultation, and came as an alternative to shutting some centres down to make the savings – a decision that was defended by the county council.

Member for environment and transport, Rob Humby, said: "I realise that there is a concern the changes could increase fly-tipping, which is both illegal and damaging to the environment, and I would like to reassure residents that we are working on new and robust tactics to tackle this.

"As the council responsible for the disposal of all waste in Hampshire, this includes fly-tipping collected by our district partners.

"In fact, the county council pays around two thirds of the costs of dealing with fly-tipping, and so, as well as environmental concerns, there is a financial imperative to tackle this problem."

Arrests following church blaze

• A shot of the blaze (picture from Basingstoke Fire Station's Twitter)

TWO teenage boys from Basingstoke have been arrested after a fire damaged a church in South Ham.

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service was called to St Joseph's Catholic Church, in St Michael's Road, to put out the blaze at around 7.15pm last Wednesday.

The fire is understood to have spread from a nearby shed, before causing significant damage to the church's roof and to the exterior of the building.

Two boys aged 13 and 14 have both since been arrested on suspicion of arson, although there is no suggestion at this stage that the fire was a targeted attack on the church.

Nobody was injured during the incident, with both the unnamed teenagers bailed by police to appear before them once again on Wednesday, July 27.

Hampshire Constabulary has launched an arson investigation in order to establish what happened, and have called for anyone who may have information as to what happened to contact the Northern Investigation team on 101, quoting 44160280915.

Residents can also call Crimestoppers charity anonymously on 0800 555111.

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Free self defence

BASINGSTOKE: Free weekly self defence classes for women and emergency service personnel from Basingstoke will begin tomorrow.

Basingstoke School of Martial Arts will team up with former police firearms officer Jon Collins to teach the unique classes, which will be based on the Brazilian martial art of Jiu Jitsu, or BJJ.

The martial art has become increasingly popular due to its use in mixed martial arts competitions, such as the UFC (Ultimate Fighting Champion).

Jon said: "Right now we live in a world where our Police and Military personnel are being specifically targeted when off duty, so any opportunity to help these brave people to handle conflict is going to be positive."

To get involved, email basingstokesma@gmail.com.

Sports festival

ALTON: A variety of free sports and activities will be on offer to people of all ages and abilities in Alton later this month.

The 'Rio Olympic Sports Festival' will take place from 12pm to 3pm on Sunday, August 21, and will begin with a Brazilian-themed fancy dress parade competition.

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Cost of rural crime drops across county

THE cost of dealing with rural crime in Hampshire has fallen by 29 per cent in the last year, according to figures released on Monday.

National insurance company NFU Mutual has revealed that the costs of rural crime amounted to £1million across the county in 2015.

This figure, released as part of NFU Mutual's annual Rural Crime Report, was considerably less than the £1.4m crime cost in Hampshire for 2014.

The change in Hampshire comes at a time when the cost remains broadly static at a national level, with the UK economy feeling the total cost of £42.5m last year.

According to the leading rural insurer, the items most commonly targeted by thieves across Hampshire over the last 12 months were farm tools, quad bikes and garden equipment.

NFU Mutual Agent in Hampshire, Patrick Govier, said: "Rural thieves are becoming increasingly sophisticated and using computers rather than bolt cutters to steal from farms and country properties.

"However, it's reassuring to see levels of rural crime falling in Hampshire, and this reflects the huge efforts being made by anti-crime schemes throughout the countryside."

Overton housing plan is branded as 'flawed'

A BOROUGH councillor has laid into Overton's newly adopted neighbourhood plan – labelling it as "flawed".

By **Christian Wilson**

The plan includes proposals to build 150 new houses at four sites across the village, while it will also shape future development in the area.

Basingstoke and Deane's council handed the move the green light on July 21, less than a month after a hugely tight referendum saw 53 per cent of Overton residents vote in its favour.

Overton, Laverstoke and Steventon councillor Colin Phillimore spoke passionately against adopting the plan at the meeting of full council, claiming that it would lead to "developers circling like vultures" if approved.

· Cllr Colin Phillimore

And he reiterated his concerns when questioned by the Observer by criticising all aspects of the plans – from the formation of the Overton Neighbourhood Planning Group, to the sites selected, to communication with residents.

He said: "This plan has been flawed from start to finish.

"I am disappointed, because I feel residents were misled by the 'Yes' campaign group, and fed some misinformation.

"Mistakes made weren't corrected until a week before the referendum, and by then 400 people who used the postal vote had sent them off already, which may have affected the result."

In total, 1,293 people backed the neighbourhood plan, compared to 1,149, as 73 per cent of the village turned out, with Cllr Phillimore warning that the issue had divided the community.

He said: "A decision has been made, but I would like to see the village come together now, because it has been split by this, due to 144 votes being in it.

"The whole subject of housing is very emotive, but I don't want to see my community divided, neighbour against neighbour, as they have been."

At least 70 houses have been allocated to the south of Two Gate Lane, 55 to the west of Sapley Playing Field, 11 north west of Overton Primary School, and 14 at a site to the east of Court Drove.

And an application has also been submitted to the borough council by developers Dandara, separate from the neighbourhood plan, for 165 new homes to be built at North Field, off Kingsclere Road.

Cllr Phillimore added: "I was on the 'No' side because in my election mandate a year ago, I said that I didn't want development on the North Field site.

"When Overton Neighbourhood Planning Group asked me what side I was on, they informed me that a vote against the neighbourhood plan was a vote for Dandara.

"Some people don't want any housing at all, while some are desperate for a roof over their head, but I am for affordable housing for Overton residents, as I know there is a need."

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Sex offences

BASINGSTOKE: A man accused of a string of sexual offences against children in Basingstoke appeared in court last week.

Daniel William Thomas, of Lovetot Avenue in Rotherham, appeared at Basingstoke Magistrates' Court on Tuesday via videolink.

The 44-year-old has been charged with eight counts of criminal acts involving two boys and a girl under the age of 13, during the late 1980s in the town.

He is due to appear at Winchester Crown Court on Wednesday, August 24.

Summer football

BASINGSTOKE: Young football fans will be able to make the most of their school summer holidays this weekend by playing in the Basingstoke Powerleague.

The one-hour football coaching sessions will take place every Saturday for kids aged between four and 12 over the holidays from 10am to 11am in Brighton Way.

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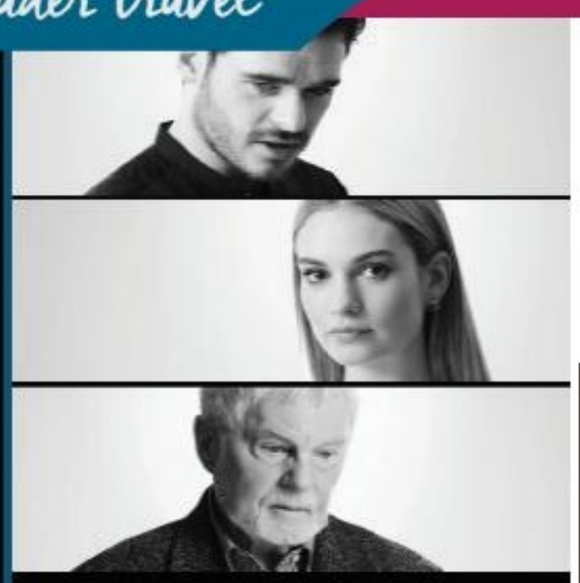

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24 Egyptian leader (6)

Quick Clues Down

1 Well-bred men (9)
2 Heed (9)
3 Links (5)
5 Measurements (4)
6 Turn upside-down (6)
7 Man who rules others (6)
9 Light meal (5)
11 Farthest (9)
12 Sprout (9)
15 Backless seat (5)
16 Fruit (6)
17 Indicates (6)
20 Snake (5)
21 Worry (4)

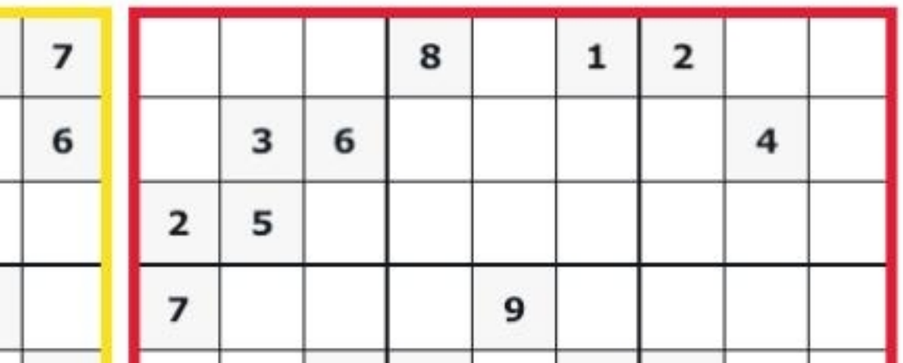
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

4 It upsets us to be insensitive (6)
8 Calmed down when all agreed (7)
9 Not an upright type (6)
10 He's a key worker (9)
11 Plots for sleepyheads (4)
13 Spruce up for the wedding (5)
14 They should know the rules of the game (7)
16 Hold it! (7)
18 Mock the noisy bumpkin (5)
19 Muse about the birds (4)
21 Explosives at the sack factory (9)
22 Followed Sue in the end (6)
23 Her telephone call is fishy (7)
24 I'd get in rank more neatly (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 Joint opportunity in space (5,4)
2 Not footwear for sailors! (9)
3 It appears one should look at the manuscript (5)
5 Where one's liable to get into hot water (4)
6 It's not so pretty to lure G.I. (6)
7 The sexes are about to take a hundred - what intemperance! (6)
9 Times change newspaper articles (5)
11 William fed up with the poster? (9)
12 Let's have no humbug getting the sailors out of bed (9)
15 54 I'd make black and blue (5)
16 Join me in a small amount (6)
17 Tended to sunder apart (6)
20 He's revolting (5)
21 Destiny we hear is a holiday (4)



Sudoku

The objective is to fill a 9×9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3×3 sub-grids that compose the grid (also called "boxes", "blocks", "regions", or "sub-squares") contains all of the digits from 1 to 9. The puzzle setter provides a partially completed grid, which for a well-posed puzzle has a unique solution.

EASY/MEDIUM/HARD

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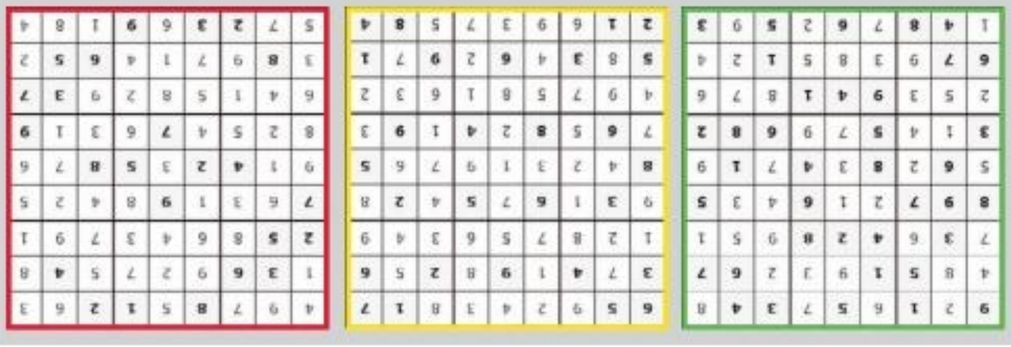
This week's solutions



Quick Crossword
Across: 4 Affirm 8 Section 9 Serves 10 Attendant 11 Urge 13 Teeth 14 Scatter 16 Deports 18 Germs 19 Anon 21 Condiment 22 Sandal 23 Density, 24 Nasser
Down: 1 Gentlemen 2 Attention 3 Bonds 5 Feet 6 Invert 7 Master 9 Snack 11 Uttermost 12 Germinate 15 Stool 16 Damson 17 Points 20 Adder 21 Care

Cryptic Crossword
Across: 4 Obtuse 8 Allayed 9 Italic 10 Locksmith 11 Beds 13 Groom 14 Umpires 16 Contain 18 Flout 19 Emus 21 Fireworks 22 Ensued 23 Herring 24 Tidier
Down: 1 Elbow room 2 Jackboots 3 Seems 5 Bath 6 Ogler 7 Excess 9 Items 11 Billboard 12 Debunking 15 Livid 16 Cement 17 Nursed 20 Rebel 21 Fete

Puzzles

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Beware of the squirrels

WATCH out for The Ninja Squirrels as the four-piece band from Farnborough arrive in Alton for two separate gigs.

One takes place at The Wheatsheaf on Saturday, August 13 and one at the Market Hotel on Friday, August 19 as part of a small run of shows across the south of England.

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See inside for full story.

• The Four Squirrels in action (picture by Ikuko Derry)

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DAYTIME

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.15 Countryfile: The Summer Diaries** (S) **10.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **11.00 Wanted Down Under** (S)(R) **11.45 Neighbourhood Blues** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S) **1.00 BBC News at One; Weather** (S) **1.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **1.45 Red Rock** (S) **2.25 Escape to the Country** A married couple seek their ideal rural property in Worcestershire. (S) **3.25 Garden Rescue** (S) **4.10 Flog It!** From Haddon Hall in Derbyshire. (S)(R) **5.10 Pointless Celebrities** (S)(R) **6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather** (S) **6.30 BBC Regional News Programmes** (S)

BBC2

6.00 Countryfile: The Summer Diaries (S)(R) **6.45 Garden Rescue** (S)(R) **7.30 Neighbourhood Blues** (S)(R) **8.00 Sign Zone: Eat Well for Less?** (S)(R) **9.00 Victoria Derbyshire** (S) **11.00 BBC Newsroom Live** (S) **12.00 Natural World: Tiger Island** (S)(R) **1.00 Pressure Pad** (S)(R) **1.45 Coast** (S)(R) **2.10 Nature's Weirdest Events** A slimy creature responsible for a mysterious oceanic ooze. Last in the series. (S)(R) **3.10 Brazil with Michael Palin** (S)(R) **5.10 Antiques Roadshow** Fiona Bruce and the experts visit RAF Marham in Norfolk. (S)(R) **6.00 Eggheads** (S) **6.30 Blitz Cities** (S)(R)

ITV

6.00 Good Morning Britain (S) **8.30 Lorraine** (S) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R) **10.30 This Morning** (S) **12.30 Loose Women** (S) **1.30 ITV Lunchtime News;** Weather (S) **1.55 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **2.00 Judge Rinder** Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (S)(R) **3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal** (S) **3.59 ITV Regional Weather** (S) **4.00 Tipping Point** Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (S)(R) **5.00 Cash Trapped** Quiz, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.30 ITV Evening News;** Weather (S)

Channel 4

6.15 3rd Rock from the Sun (S)(R) **7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.30 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **10.30 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **11.30 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **12.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **12.05 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **2.10 Fifteen to One** General knowledge quiz. (S) **3.10 Countdown** (S) **4.00 The Question Jury** Quiz show involving seven contestants. Last in the series. (S) **5.00 Couples Come Dine with Me** Karla and Aiden serve a modern menu inspired by their first rendezvous. (S)(R) **6.00 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **6.30 Hollyoaks** (S)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff 11.15 Cowboy Builders & Bodge Jobs (S)(R) **12.10 5 News Lunchtime** (S) **12.15 Celebrity Big Brother** (R) **1.15 Home and Away** (S) **1.45 Neighbours** (S) **2.15 NCIS** The teenage daughter of a US Navy commander is abducted. (S)(R) **3.15** FILM **Client Seduction (2014) (12)** Legal thriller, starring Ally Sheedy, Rhys Ward, Annie Clark and Erik Knudsen. (S) **5.00 5 News at 5** (S) **5.30 Neighbours** Elly has to face up to her past when her life is threatened. (S)(R) **6.00 Home and Away** (S)(R) **6.30 5 News Tonight** (S)

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7.00 The One Show Hosted by Alex Jones. (S)
7.30 Room 101 With Shaun Ryder, Meera Syal and Sam Simmons; (S)(R) BBC News; Regional News (S)

7.00 Great American Railroad Journeys Michael Portillo arrives in Manassas, Virginia, scene of two crucial battles during the American Civil War. Last in the series. (S)

7.00 Emmerdale Joanie catches Belle talking to herself. (S)
7.30 Coronation Street Sean tells Eileen she will have to choose who she wants to live with. (S)

7.00 Channel 4 News (S)

7.00 Cricket on 5 England v Pakistan. Mark Nicholas presents action from day three of the Third Test in the four-match series, which took place at Edgbaston; (S) 5 News Update (S)

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8.00 EastEnders Sharon comes face to face with Grant. (S)
8.30 Olympics 2016 Clare Balding is joined by guests to look ahead to the Games of the XXXI Olympiad, which officially get under way later today. (S)

8.00 Mastermind Specialist subjects include Benny Hill. (S)
8.30 Gardeners' World Memories of the programme's former presenter Geoff Hamilton. (S)

8.00 Gino's Italian Escape – Islands in the Sun How Sicily's history has influenced the food its people eat. (S)(R)
8.30 Coronation Street An upset Sean leaves No.11. (S)

8.00 Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year George Clarke's mission to find Britain's 2016 Shed of the Year continues as he and his fellow judges turn their attention to the Eco and Unexpected categories. (S)

8.00 Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud 3 Hilarious and outrageous dog-themed videos taken from the internet; (S) 5 News Update (S)

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9.00 Highlands: Scotland's Wild Heart New series. The course of the seasons, beginning with spring, which sees the hills on fire as the annual muirburn takes place in the Cairngorms. Narrated by Ewan McGregor. (S)

9.00 Doc Martin Louisa and Martin's picnic on the beach is interrupted by a vet who appears to be hallucinating, while Penhale makes a hash of asking Janice out. Caroline Quentin guest stars. (S)(R)

9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown New series. Jimmy Carr hosts the words-and-numbers quiz as Sean Lock and Henning Wehn compete against Jon Richardson and Victoria Coren Mitchell. (S)

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother: The Eviction Part 1 Emma Willis announces the identity of the least popular housemate and invites them to vacate the house. (S)

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10.00 BBC News at Ten (S)
10.25 BBC Regional News and Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S)
10.35 Would I Lie to You? With Micky Flanagan, Fiona Bruce, Claudia Winkleman and Steve Jones. (R)

10.00 Clare Balding Meets Louis Smith The host meets the British Olympic gymnast. (S)
10.30 Newsnight (S)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.30 ITV Regional News; Weather (S)
10.40 FILM **Public Enemies (2009) (15)** Fact-based crime drama about bank robber John Dillinger. Starring Johnny Depp and Christian Bale. (S)

10.00 Friday Night Dinner (S)
10.35 Gogglebox: Brexit Special The armchair critics share their opinions on the events that have unfolded since Britain's decision to leave the European Union. (S)(R)

10.00 It's Not Me, It's You Relationship-based comedy panel show, hosted by Eamonn Holmes. (S)
10.30 Celebrity Big Brother: The Eviction Part 2 (S)

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11.05 A Question of Sport (S)
11.40 Olympics 2016 Clare Balding introduces coverage of the opening ceremony. Subsequent programmes subject to change. (S)

11.00 Artsnight – Meg Rosoff The relationship between art and the unconscious mind. (S)
11.30 Weather (S)
11.35 The Marvellous World of Roald Dahl (S)(R)

11.35 Man Down Dan must negotiate the complicated issue of a visa. (S)(R)

11.05 Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side Rylan Clark-Neal presents the CBB companion show, including celebrity guests' thoughts on the first eviction and behind-the-scenes insights. (S)

AFTER 12

4.00 Weather for the Week Ahead (S)
4.05 BBC News (S)

12.35 FILM **Good Hair (2009) (12)** Documentary examining the hair-styling industry. (S) **2.05** Sign Zone: Forces of Nature with Brian Cox (S)(R) **3.05** One Night In 2012: An Imagine Special (S)(R) **4.45** This Is BBC Two (S)

1.15 Jackpot247 3.00 Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen

12.05 A Granny's Guide to the Modern World (S)(R) **12.35** FILM **Terminal Velocity (1994) (15)** (S) **2.15** Peep Show (S)(R) **2.45** Peep Show (S)(R) **3.15** Double Your House for Half the Money (S)(R)

12.05 SuperCasino 3.10 Celebrity Big Brother: The Eviction Part 1 (S)(R) **3.55** Celebrity Big Brother: The Eviction Part 2 (S)(R) **4.20** Criminals: Caught on Camera (S)(R) **4.45** HouseBusters (S)(R) **5.10** Angels of Jarm (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 Planet's Funniest Animals **6.20** Dinner Date **7.10** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **8.00** Emmerdale **9.00** You've Been Framed! Gold **9.30** Psych **10.20** Royal Pains **11.15** Dinner Date **12.15** Emmerdale **1.15** You've Been Framed! Gold **1.45** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **2.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show **5.50** Take Me Out **7.00** Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! **8.00** Two and a Half Men **9.00** FILM: The Dark Knight (2008) (12) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10** FILM: The Dark Knight (2008) (12) **12.00** Family Guy **1.00** American Dad! **2.00** The Cleveland Show **2.30** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Movies Now **6.10** Doctor in the House **6.35** Heartbeat **7.35** Where the Heart Is **8.40** The Royal **9.40** Judge Judy **11.00** Murder, She Wrote **12.00** Love Your Garden **1.05** Heartbeat **2.05** The Royal **3.10** Where the Heart Is **4.20** Doctor in the House **4.50** Rising Damp **5.20** George and Mildred **5.55** Heartbeat **6.55** Murder, She Wrote **8.00** Birds of a Feather **9.00** Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs **10.00** Law & Order: UK **11.00** Wycliffe **12.15** Inspector Morse **2.10** Long Lost Family **3.00** Rory Bremner's Great British Views **4.45** Man About the House **5.10** Judge Judy **5.35** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 World News Today; Weather **7.30** BBC Proms 2016: Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto. **9.10** Music Moguls: Masters of Pop **12.10** Danny Baker Rocks the Eighties (A Bit) **12.40** Music Moguls: Masters of Pop **3.40** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Hollyoaks **6.25** Coach Trip: Road to Ibiza **6.50** Melissa & Joey **7.10** How I Met Your Mother **8.05** Rules of Engagement **9.00** The Goldbergs **10.00** Baby Daddy **11.00** Charmed **1.00** How I Met Your Mother **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **3.00** Baby Daddy **4.00** Melissa & Joey **5.00** The Goldbergs **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** Coach Trip: Road to Ibiza **8.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Rush Hour 3 (2007) (12) **10.45** The Big Bang Theory **11.50** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **12.50** Wasted **1.20** Gogglebox **2.20** First Dates **3.15** Rude Tube **4.10** Rules of Engagement **4.50** Charmed

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Jamie's 15 Minute Meals **9.35** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **11.35** FILM: The Black Dakotas (1954) (U) **12.55** Time Team **3.05** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **5.15** Four in a Bed **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** The Out-Laws **10.05** 24 Hours in A&E **12.20** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **1.20** Love Child **2.20** 24 Hours in A&E **3.25** Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites **3.40** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 Napoleon Dynamite (2004) (PG) **12.50** Captain Ron (1992) (PG) **2.50** The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery (1966) (PG) **4.50** Coraline (2009) (PG) **6.55** Sister Act (1992) (PG) **9.00** Escape Plan (2013) (15) **11.15** Commando (1985) (18) **1.05** Alien 3 (1992) (18) **3.25** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
7.20 Scrapheap Challenge **8.10** Top Gear **9.00** Lizard Lick Towing **10.00** American Pickers **11.00** Storage Hunters: Best Arguments **12.00** Top Gear **1.00** Caribbean Premier League T20 Cricket **5.00** Top Gear **7.00** American Pickers **8.00** QI XL **11.00** Mock the Week **11.40** Would I Lie to You? **1.00** QI XL **2.00** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **3.00** Never Mind the Buzzcocks **4.00** Lizard Lick Towing **4.30** American Pickers

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 Supergirl **7.00** The Flash **9.00** Futurama **10.00** Ninja Warrior **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **12.00** Hawaii Five-0 **1.00** Supergirl **2.00** The Flash **4.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **5.30** Futurama **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Modern Family **9.00** A League of Their Own **10.00** The Last Ship **11.00** Zoo **12.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **2.00** Limitless **3.00** Arrow **4.00** Road Wars **5.00** Ninja Warrior

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Fish Town **7.00** Urban Secrets **8.00** Cold Case **10.00** The West Wing **11.00** House **12.00** Without a Trace **1.00** Blue Bloods **2.00** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **3.00** Cold Case **5.00** The West Wing **6.00** House **7.00** Without a Trace **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** FILM: Scientology: Going Clear. The Prison of Belief (2015) (15) Documentary exploring the history and actions of the Church of Scientology's leaders. **11.20** Oz **1.50** The Sopranos **3.00** Cold Case **4.00** Fish Town **5.00** Urban Secrets

W SKY: 109
6.00 Dynamo: Magician Impossible **6.10** MasterChef Australia: The Professionals **8.00** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **9.00** My Dream Home **10.00** The Bill **11.00** Tipping Point **1.00** Judge Faith **2.00** Traffic Cops **2.40** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **3.35** My Dream Home **5.35** Tipping Point **6.35** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **7.40** Celebrity MasterChef **9.00** Dynamo: Magician Impossible **10.00** EastEnders **10.40** FILM: Baby Geniuses (1999) (PG) **12.40** EastEnders **1.15** Being Human USA **3.00** Home Shopping

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Saturday August 6th

DAYTIME

BBC1

Saturday Kitchen Live, 10am

6.00 Olympic Breakfast (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** With Tom Kerridge, Paul Ainsworth and Galton Blackiston. (S) **11.30 Home Cooking Made Easy** Lorraine Pascale prepares simple dishes perfect for entertaining. (S)(R) **12.00 BBC News** (S) **12.10 Olympics 2016** Featuring live rowing, road cycling and swimming. (S) **6.00 BBC News** (S) **6.10 BBC Regional News** (S) **6.20 Olympics 2016** Day one in Rio continues with the conclusion of the men's cycling road race, the women's rugby sevens pool matches and the beach volleyball preliminaries. Clare Balding presents. (S)

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7.00 Olympics 2016 Continued. Day one in Rio continues with the conclusion of the men's cycling road race, the women's rugby sevens pool matches and the beach volleyball preliminaries. (S)

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10.10 BBC News; Weather (S)
10.30 Olympics 2016 Clare Balding and Mark Chapman introduce further live coverage from the opening day in Rio. (S)

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AFTER 12

1.00 Olympics 2016 Day one concludes with swimming and women's hockey; (S) National Lottery Update (S) **4.00** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **4.05** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Full Steam Ahead, 7.30pm

6.00 The Women's Football Show (S)(R) **6.30 FILM The Silver Darlings (1947) (PG)** (S) **7.55 FILM The Happiest Days of Your Life (1950) (U)** (S) **9.15 Olympics 2016** (S)(R) **12.00 The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure** (S)(R) **1.00 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.45 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **2.45 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **3.30 Flog It!** (S)(R) **4.20 Full Steam Ahead** Peter Ginn and Alex Langlands work as navvies. (S)(R) **5.20 Highlands: Scotland's Wild Heart** The course of the seasons, beginning with spring. (S)(R) **6.20 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **6.50 Proms Extra** (S)

7.30 Full Steam Ahead How the railways transformed the British diet, with the mass transportation of livestock giving birth to the British roast. Plus, how rail helped transformed the fortunes of Whitby. (S)(R)

8.30 Dad's Army The platoon takes part in an exercise with the regular army. (S)(R)

9.00 The Mystery of Van Gogh's Ear Jeremy Paxman and Bernadette Murphy investigate why Vincent Van Gogh took a blade to his own ear in 1888, traveling across France, the Netherlands and California seeking answers.

10.00 The National Lottery Live The all-important numbers. (S)
10.10 Olympics 2016 Clare Balding introduces further coverage from the opening day in Rio. (S)
10.30 QI XL Extended edition. (S)(R)

11.15 Versailles The traitor strikes in the palace prison, while Henriette has a rocky reunion with her brother, Charles II of England; (S)(R) Inside Versailles. (S)(R)

12.15 FILM About Elly (2009) (12) Drama, starring Golshifteh Farahani. **2.10 FILM Dracula (1958) (12)** Hammer horror, starring Christopher Lee. (S) **3.30** This Is BBC Two (S) **5.45** Gardeners' World (S)(R)

ITV

Catchphrase, 7.15pm

6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) **8.30 Weekend** (S) **9.25 Murder, She Wrote** (S)(R) **11.20 FILM Columbo: Etude in Black (1972) (PG)** (S) **1.20 ITV News;** Weather (S) **1.35 Wild Animal Reunions** (S)(R) **2.35 Doc Martin** The doctor's parents come to stay. (S)(R) **3.40 All Star Family Fortunes** With Katie Price and Charlie Lawson. (S)(R) **4.40 FILM The Scorpion King (2002) (PG)** Fantasy action adventure, starring Dwayne Johnson. (S) **6.15 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.30 ITV News** (S) **6.45 You've Been Framed!** A toddler destroys Stonehenge. (S)

7.15 Catchphrase Guessing game, hosted by Stephen Mulhern. (S)

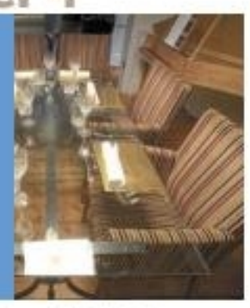
8.00 FILM Skyfall (2012) (12) James Bond hunts the mastermind behind a terrorist attack on MI6, and discovers a former agent with revenge in mind. Action thriller, starring Daniel Craig and Javier Bardem. (S)

10.45 ITV News; Weather (S)

11.00 FILM Carry On Girls (1973) (PG) Comedy, starring Sid James and June Whitfield. (S)

12.45 Jackpot247 3.00 Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4



Come Dine with Me, 4.30pm

6.15 Shipping Wars (S)(R) **6.40 Gillette World Sport** Including action from the Rally Finland. (S) **7.10 Cardiff Triathlon** (S) **7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **9.00 The Morning Line** Emma Spencer and guests look ahead to the Shergar Cup. (S) **10.05 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **11.05 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **12.05 FILM City of Ember (2008) (PG)** Fantasy adventure, starring Saoirse Ronan, Harry Treadaway and Bill Murray. (S) **2.00 Channel 4 Racing** Live coverage from Ascot, Haydock Park and Newmarket. (S) **4.30 Come Dine with Me** (S) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 FILM Men in Black (1997) (PG) A cop joins a secret force policing aliens on Earth, and teams up with a veteran partner to track down a giant insect. Sci-fi comedy, starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones. (S)

9.00 FILM Super 8 (2011) (12) Premiere. A group of children witnesses a train crash and discovers an alien creature has escaped from the wreckage. Sci-fi thriller, starring Joel Courtney and Elle Fanning. (S)

11.15 FILM Trance (2013) (15) Crime thriller, starring James McAvoy and Rosario Dawson. (S)

1.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) **2.05** Hollyoaks (S)(R) **4.10** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free (S)(R) **4.25** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **5.20** Double Your House for Half the Money (S)(R)

Channel 5

Cricket on 5, 7pm

6.00 Milkshake! 8.25 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Part one of two. The turtles encounter a peace-loving Kraang. (S)(R) **9.00 The Saturday Show Live** With guest Amelia Lily. **11.00 Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops** New series. Comedy clip show. (S) **11.30 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door** (S)(R) **2.20 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **5.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** Two agents get caught up in a dispute between a landlord and a tenant who refuses to move out, while on the south coast, debt collection from a Turkish restaurant gets complicated. (S)(R)

7.00 Cricket on 5 England v Pakistan. Mark Nicholas presents action from day four of the Third Test in the four-match series, which took place at Edgbaston. (S)

8.00 NCIS Tony's father visits for Christmas. Guest starring Robert Wagner. (S)(R)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship New series. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the opening weekend's games in the Championship. (S)

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush New series. Goals from the opening weekend's games in the Leagues One and Two. (S)
10.30 Celebrity Big Brother (S)

11.35 Impractical Jokers UK Four friends compete in a series of challenges. (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 Emmerdale **9.05** Coronation Street **11.30** Ninja Warrior UK **12.30** You've Been Framed! Gold **1.05** FILM: Must Love Dogs (2005) (12) **2.05** FYI Daily **2.10** FILM: Must Love Dogs (2005) (12) **3.00** FILM: Stormbreaker (2006) (PG) **4.00** FYI Daily **4.05** FILM: Stormbreaker (2006) (PG) **4.55** FILM: Yogi Bear (2010) (U) **5.55** FYI Daily **6.00** FILM: Yogi Bear (2010) (U) **6.35** FILM: Twilight (2008) (12) **7.35** FYI Daily **7.40** FILM: Twilight (2008) (12) **9.00** FILM: Hot Fuzz (2007) (15) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10** FILM: Hot Fuzz (2007) (15) **11.25** Family Guy **12.55** American Dad! **1.50** The Cleveland Show **2.45** Ashley Roberts: The Hot Desk **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Movies Now **6.10** Judge Judy **6.30** Where the Heart Is **8.35** Agatha Christie's Sparkling Cyanide **10.35** A Touch of Frost **12.45** Agatha Christie's Marple **2.50** FILM: The Pure Hell of St Trinian's (1960) (U) **3.50** FYI Daily **3.55** FILM: The Pure Hell of St Trinian's (1960) (U) **4.55** Midsomer Murders **7.00** Doc Martin **8.00** Lewis **10.00** A Touch of Frost **12.10** Inspector Morse **2.15** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
1.00 Olympics 2016. **4.00** Olympics 2016. **7.00** Olympics 2016. Featuring swimming, judo and football. **10.00** Olympics 2016. Featuring football, rugby sevens, archery and fencing. **2.00** Britain on Film: A Woman's Place **2.30** Danny Baker Rocks the Nineties (A Bit) **3.00** New York Rock at the BBC **4.00** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **6.20** Jane the Virgin **7.05** Baby Daddy **8.00** Melissa & Joey **10.30** Made in Chelsea: South of France **11.30** Rich Kids of Instagram **12.30** New Girl **1.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **4.00** FILM: The Golden Compass (2007) (PG) **6.10** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: The Five-Year Engagement (2012) (15) Romantic comedy, with Jason Segel and Emily Blunt. **11.30** Gogglebox **1.40** First Dates **2.40** Rude Tube **3.35** Charmed **4.15** How I Met Your Mother **4.55** Revenge

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 River Cottage Bites **9.10** Come Dine with Me **11.55** Location, Location, Location **1.00** Channel 4 Racing from Ascot. **2.00** Four in a Bed **4.45** Great Canal Journeys **8.00** Grand Designs **9.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **11.05** Father Ted **12.10** Channel 4 Comedy Gala 2015: Best Bits **1.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **3.10** Channel 4 Comedy Gala 2015: Best Bits **3.55** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 The Dark Crystal (1982) (PG) **1.00** The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (2010) (PG) **3.15** Stuart Little (1999) (U) **4.55** Cheaper By the Dozen (2003) (PG) **6.50** Mission: Impossible (1996) (PG) **9.00** The Transporter (2002) (15) An underworld courier ends up in a battle of wits with his powerful employers when he lets his conscience get the better of him. Action adventure, with Jason Statham and Shu Qi. **10.45** Die Hard (1988) (18) Action thriller, starring Bruce Willis. **1.20** 13 Assassins (2010) (15) **3.50** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
7.10 Bush Pilots **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Storage Hunters **10.30** Storage Hunters UK **11.00** Top Gear **1.00** Caribbean Premier League T20 Cricket **5.00** Top Gear **7.00** Dynamo: Top Ten Greatest Moments **8.00** QI XL **9.00** Gavin & Stacey **11.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **12.00** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **1.00** Dynamo: Top Ten Greatest Moments **2.00** QI XL **2.50** Never Mind the Buzzcocks **4.00** Close **5.00** Top Gear

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 The Dog Whisperer **7.00** Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **9.00** Futurama **9.30** What's Up **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** Premier League Years **1.30** Ghostbusters: Special **2.00** Guitar Star **3.00** Futurama **5.00** Modern Family **8.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **9.00** FILM: The Rock (1996) (15) Action thriller, starring Sean Connery and Nicolas Cage. **11.40** A League of Their Own **12.40** A League of Their Own: Unseen **1.10** Karl Pilkington: The Moaning of Life **2.10** Caribbean Cops **3.10** Road Wars **4.00** Border Security: Canada's Front Line **5.00** Gordonstoun: A Different Class

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
7.00 Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer **8.00** Cold Case **11.00** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough **12.00** Blue Bloods **5.00** Without a Trace **9.00** Game of Thrones **11.20** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **11.55** FILM: Looking: The Movie (2016) **1.40** The Sopranos **2.45** Curb Your Enthusiasm **3.30** Cold Case **4.20** The Guest Wing **5.10** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer

W SKY: 109
6.10 DIY SOS: The Big Build **7.00** DIY SOS: Children in Need Special **8.00** DIY SOS: Million Pound Build for Children in Need 2013 **9.00** The Bill **2.10** EastEnders **4.50** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **7.35** Outnumbered **9.00** Jonathan Creek **10.10** Sherlock **12.10** Motorway Cops **1.10** Being Human USA **3.00** Home Shopping

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09/09/16
4 Days: £289
Includes Black Country Museum, Severn Valley Railway & Canal Trip!

It is no surprise that there were a greater concentration of canals and railways in regions such as the Midlands because they served local industry before road transport took over. There is now a fascinating legacy left for leisure groups and this tour offers nice scenery, lots of nostalgia and of course the transport rides!

For this 4 day tour we will be staying at the comfortable and modern Hallmark Hotel Birmingham based in Strathallan.

North Devon & Exmoor
09/09/16
4 Days: £279
Enjoy Ilfracombe's pictureque harbour and the North Devon coast!

Ilfracombe has a picturesque harbour along with narrow streets and the North Devon coast which is renowned for its unique character and spectacular scenery.

We will be staying at The Ilfracombe Carlton Hotel based in the heart of Ilfracombe with a classic feel with all modern conveniences.

Beautiful Brittany
11/09/16
6 Days: £559

Everything about Britany is distinctive, from its geography to its traditions and language. Famous for its fabulous beaches, our hotel in Fouesnant is spectacularly situated right on the sea front (and the sun rise in the morning is amazing!) Brittany also boats the most striking of medieval walled towns.

Our hotel for this 6 day tour is the 3 star Cap Coz Mona Lisa Hotel situated in a quiet location overlooking the sea.

Norfolk Coast & Broads
29/08/16
5 Days: £399

Norfolk is a unique area of Britain with the Broads, open expanses of water often linked to rivers. Great Yarmouth is our base and is one of Britain's premier resorts!

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North Yorkshire Treasures Includes Moors and Dales
01/09/16
5 Days: £379

Includes Auckland Castle, River Cruise and North Yorkshire Moors Railway

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The Lake District & Yorkshire Dales Grange-over-Sands
04/09/16
6 Days: £439

Lovely Grange-over-Sands is often called the " Riviera of the North" due to its warm spring temperatures. Delightfully positioned, the town's long promenade affords excellent views.

For this 6 day tour we wil be staying at The Cumbria Grand Hotel set in 20 acres of private gardens and woodland with views overlooking the bay.

Sunday August 7th

BBC1

DAYTIME

6.00 Olympic Breakfast (S) **9.00 BBC News** (S) **10.00 Sunday Morning Live** With Naga Munchetty. (S) **11.00 Homes Under the Hammer** Properties in Stoke, south London and Greater Manchester. (S)(R) **12.00 Bargain Hunt** Two teams compete at Derbyshire's Kedleston Hall. (S)(R) **12.45 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.00 Olympics 2016** Hazel Irvine presents from Rio, where the second day of the Games gets under way. (S) **6.00 BBC News** (S) **6.20 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.30 Countryfile** Anita Rani reports from the Scottish island of Kerrera. (S)

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7.30 Olympics 2016 Day two in Rio continues with the conclusion of the women's cycling road race at Fort Copacabana and the women's rugby sevens quarter-finals at the Deodoro Stadium. (S)

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10.00 BBC News (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.30 Match of the Day: Community Shield Highlights Leicester City v Manchester United. (S)

11

11.15 Olympics 2016 The latest coverage from day two in Rio, including action from the women's artistic gymnastics qualifiers at the Rio Olympic Arena. (S)

AFTER 12

1.00 Olympics 2016. Featuring live artistic gymnastics and swimming coverage. (S) **4.00** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **4.05** BBC News (S)

BBC2

6.15 Countryfile (S)(R) **7.15 The Beechgrove Garden** (S) **7.45 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S)(R) **9.15 Olympics: Rio Highlights 2016** (S) **1.00 FILM The Third Man (1949) (PG)** Thriller, starring Joseph Cotten and Orson Welles. (S) **2.40 Escape to the Continent** A Kent couple plan to relocate to the Puglia region of Italy. (S)(R) **3.40 Flog It!** From Herne Bay, Kent. (S)(R) **4.25 Songs of Praise** (S) **5.00 New Zealand: Earth's Mythical Islands** The nation's pre-human past. (S)(R) **6.00 Olympics 2016** Day two continues with swimming and road cycling from Rio. (S)

7.30 Wallace & Gromit: A Close Shave The animated characters get mixed up in sheep rustling. (S)(R)

8.00 Robot Wars Dara O Briain and Angela Scanlon present more battles in the arena, including a robot designed by a nine-year-old girl, which comes complete with a huge pink axe. (S)

9.00 Dragons' Den The panel assesses the profit-making potential of a fledgling fashion business, a brand of pork scratchings and a device for folding paper. Presented by Evan Davis. (S)

10.00 Olympics 2016 Coverage of day two continues with the men's hockey group match between Great Britain and New Zealand and the quarter-finals of the women's rugby sevens. Presented by Clare Balding. (S)

11.15 FILM Youth in Revolt (2009) (15) Comedy, starring Michael Cera and Portia Doubleday. (S)

12.40 Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) **1.35** Holby City (S)(R) **2.40** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) **8.30 Weekend** (S) **9.25 Murder, She Wrote** (S)(R) **11.25 FILM Columbo: Negative Reaction (1974) (PG)** (S) **1.20 ITV News;** Weather (S) **1.25 Long Lost Family** (S)(R) **2.30 Love Your Garden** Transforming gardens across the nation. (S)(R) **3.30 FILM The Queen (2006) (12)** Oscar-winning biographical drama, starring Helen Mirren. (S) **5.30 Masterpiece with Alan Titchmarsh** Teams compete to find the most rare and valuable items at Firle Place in Sussex. (S)(R) **6.30 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.45 ITV News** (S)

7.00 The Zoo Life at London Zoo and Whipsnade, following Sumatran tiger cubs, a pygmy hippo receiving treatment for cancer and the team's breeding of its first Humboldt penguin. (S)(R)

8.00 Midsomer Murders When a landowner's body goes missing on the night of his death, Barnaby, Nelson and forensic pathologist Kam Karimore are drawn into a world of body-snatching. (S)(R)

9.00 FILM 47 Ronin (2013) (12) Premiere. A former slave leads a band of samurai as they battle monstrous and magical enemies in a quest for redemption. Fantasy adventure, with Keanu Reeves and Hiroyuki Sanada. (S)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.15 Slow Train Through Africa with Griff Rhys Jones Griff travels across Namibia in the south-west, experiencing luxury camping. (S)(R)

11.15 Premiership Rugby 7s Highlights Action from the finals day at The Ricoh Arena in Coventry.

12.15 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

6.15 Shipping Wars Marc ships a trophy to a famous road race. (S)(R) **6.40 Mobil 1 The Grid** (S) **7.05 Motor Sport: Chateau Impney Hill Climb** (S) **7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.25 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** With music by Rizzle Kicks. (S) **12.30 FILM The Great Mouse Detective (1986) (U)** Animated adventure, with the voice of Vincent Price. (S) **2.00 The Simpsons: Homer Day** (S)(R) **5.50 Channel 4 News** (S) **6.15 FILM Monsters, Inc (2001) (U)** Pixar animated comedy, with the voices of John Goodman and Billy Crystal. (S)

8.00 Flying to the Ends of the Earth Arthur Williams flies to the islands of the South Pacific and meets Tracey Johnson, who has turned the luxury retreat of Wadigi into a bolthole for celebrities and the super-rich.

11.20 FILM Ghost (1990) (12) Romantic fantasy, starring Demi Moore and Patrick Swayze. (S)

1.40 Friday Night Dinner (S)(R) **2.10** The World's Weirdest Weather (S)(R) **3.05** Walking the Himalayas (S)(R) **4.00** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free (S)(R) **4.15** Phil: Secret Agent Down Under (S)(R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) **10.30 Football on 5: The Championship** (S)(R) **11.30 Football on 5: Goal Rush** (S)(R) **12.00 Now That's Funny!** (S)(R) **1.00 Benefits House: Me & My 26 Kids** (S)(R) **2.00 Benefits, Babies & Jail** People living on the dole in South Yorkshire. (S)(R) **3.00 Benefits: Can't Work, Won't Work** (S)(R) **4.00 Benefits: 19 Kids and Counting the Cost** (S)(R) **5.00 Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud 3** (S)(R) **6.00 Now That's Funny!** Featuring animals behaving badly. (S) **6.55 5 News Weekend** (S)

7.00 Cricket on 5 England v Pakistan. Mark Nicholas presents action from day five of the Third Test in the four-match series, which took place at Edgbaston. (S)

8.00 Toddlers Make You Laugh Out Loud Internet videos featuring youngsters doing bizarre and humorous things. (S)(R)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt. (S)

10.00 Bankrupt & Broke: When Celebs Go Bust Countdown show exploring how a celebrity lifestyle led to bankruptcy for a number of famous faces. (S)(R)

11.30 Body Freaks: Old Face, New Face Documentary following people who have had extreme cosmetic transformations, including a sales assistant who spent £100,000 to look like his idol, Kim Kardashian. (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 Planet's Funniest Animals **6.20** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **6.50** Emmerdale **9.55** Coronation Street **12.20** Take Me Out **1.20** Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! Gold **2.20** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.50** FILM: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) (PG) **3.50** FYI Daily **3.55** FILM: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) (PG) **4.40** FILM: The Smurfs (2011) (U) **5.40** FYI Daily **5.45** FILM: The Smurfs (2011) (U) **6.45** FILM: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) (12) **7.45** FYI Daily **7.50** FILM: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) (12) Concluded. **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.25** Bordertown **12.55** The Cleveland Show **1.50** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Rising Damp **6.25** Wycliffe **7.20** Heartbeat **9.25** Inspector Morse **11.40** A Touch of Frost **1.55** Goodbye Mr Chips **4.00** FILM: Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) (PG) **5.00** FYI Daily **5.05** FILM: Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) (PG) **5.55** Doc Martin **8.00** Royal Stories **9.00** Million Dollar Princesses **10.00** The Booze Cruise III **12.05** Wire in the Blood **2.55** May the Best House Win **4.40** Rising Damp **5.30** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
1.00 Olympics 2016. **4.00** Olympics 2016. Ore Oduba presents continued coverage of the second day. **7.00** Olympics 2016. Featuring tennis, table tennis, hockey, diving and artistic gymnastics. **10.00** Olympics 2016. Rishi Persad introduces further coverage on day two in Rio. **2.00** Britain on Film: Brits at Play **2.30** Sounds of the Sixties **3.00** Timeshift: The Nation's Railway: The Golden Age of British Rail **4.00** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 The Mindy Project **6.40** Baby Daddy **7.35** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** Made in Chelsea: South of France **9.30** Hollyoaks **12.00** Coach Trip: Road to Ibiza **2.35** The Goldbergs **4.30** FILM: Step Up (2006) (PG) Romantic dance drama, with Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan. **6.35** The Big Bang Theory **10.00** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **11.00** Rich Kids of Instagram **12.00** Gogglebox **1.05** Containment **2.05** Rude Tube **3.00** 2 Broke Girls **3.40** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 River Cottage Bites **9.25** Jamie's 15 Minute Meals **9.50** Craft: I Made This **10.55** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb **11.55** Come Dine with Me **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.20** Come Dine with Me **8.00** Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year **9.00** Father Ted **10.05** Micky Flanagan: Back in the Game **11.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **12.15** 24 Hours in A&E **1.20** Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year **2.25** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **3.30** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 St Trinian's (2007) (12) **1.00** The Core (2003) (12) **3.50** The Tale of the Princess Kaguya (2013) (U) Premiere. Animated fantasy, featuring the voice of Chloe Grace Moretz. **6.40** Mission: Impossible 2 (2000) (15) Action thriller sequel, starring Tom Cruise. **9.00** Die Hard 2 (1990) (18) Action thriller sequel, starring Bruce Willis. **11.20** Zero Dark Thirty (2012) (15) Kathryn Bigelow's fact-based drama, starring Jessica Chastain. **2.25** Apartment 143 (2011) (15) **4.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
6.00 Close **7.10** Trawlermen **8.00** Top Gear **11.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race **12.00** Motorway Cops **1.00** Traffic Cops **2.20** American Pickers: Crazy Car Finds **3.20** American Pickers **5.20** Top Gear **6.20** Top Gear Patagonia Special **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **10.00** Suits **11.00** Parks and Recreation **11.30** Caribbean Premier League T20 Cricket **3.30** 8 Out of 10 Cats **4.20** QI **5.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Monkey Life **8.30** Futurama **11.00** WWE: Raw **12.00** Ghostbusters: Special **12.30** Star Trek Beyond: Special **1.00** Don't Tell the Bride **2.00** Four Weddings **3.00** Battle of the Brides **4.00** Modern Family **6.00** The Simpsons **8.00** The Last Ship **9.00** Zoo **10.00** Ross Kemp: Extreme World **11.00** Stop, Search, Seize **12.00** The Force: Manchester **1.00** Road Wars **2.00** Stop, Search, Seize **3.00** Nothing to Declare **4.00** Border Security: Canada's Front Line **5.00** Gordonstoun: A Different Class

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 The Guest Wing **7.00** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer **8.00** The West Wing **1.00** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough **2.00** Without a Trace **6.00** Cold Case **9.00** Ray Donovan **10.00** Band of Brothers **12.40** FILM: Maria Full of Grace (2004) (15) **2.35** The Sopranos **3.40** Veep **4.15** The Guest Wing **5.10** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer

W SKY: 109
6.05 Passport Patrol **8.00** EastEnders **10.25** My Dream Home **2.30** Doctor Who **6.40** Outnumbered **8.00** Beauty and the Beast **9.00** Sherlock **11.00** Who Do You Think You Are? **12.00** Traffic Cops **1.00** Being Human USA **1.50** Atlantis **2.45** Dynamo: Magician Impossible **3.00** Home Shopping

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

The squirrels are in Alton

THE Ninja Squirrels are coming to Alton for two gigs later this month.

By **James Richings**

The four-piece cover band from Farnborough arrive at The Wheatsheaf on Saturday, August 13 before heading on to the Market Hotel the following Friday, August 19.

And with their renditions of some of the most popular rock songs of all time being blasted out of the two venues, drummer Simon Derry insists that despite the band not being full-time rockers, their sounds will be good enough to give the crowds a great time.

"There are four Squirrels in the band," Simon said.

"We've all got our other lives with one as a car salesman for Wiltshire and Sons, one is a Chartered Surveyor, whilst two of them are in IT.

"And we don't want to give too much away, but it's a wide remit.

"We call ourselves a 'rock/indie covers' band but we don't judge by genre too much.

"Yes, we go from Sabbath and Hendrix through to Stereophonics and Blink-182, but we also do Elvis, Beatles, and The Jam, for example.

"If its a great tune, it's a great tune, simple as that."

The band is made up of Jim Fogden as the lead vocalist and rhythm guitarist, Nick Stamp on the lead guitar and backing vocals, Barry Wiltshire playing the bass and backing vocals and Simon Derry on drums.

And if you want to be in a successful band, you've got to be good and have a catchy name.

So why do they call themselves the Ninja Squirrels?

"Before we started gigging we called ourselves 'Armitage Shanks' - it was a statement about how good we were.

"Our previous lead singer came up with a shortlist of alternatives.

"The Arctic Monkeys were big at the time so him and his missus put together a list of zany animal related names.

"Somehow we rejected the likes of 'The Judo Crocodiles' and instead went for 'The Ninja Squirrels'."

Both gigs are free to attend and start at 9pm.

• *The Ninja Squirrels, consiting of (from left) Simon Derry, Nick Stamp, Jim Fogden and Barry Wiltshire*

Dance workshop

ARTS: The Basingstoke Discovery Centre will host a drama and dance workshop on Friday, August 5.

The session, which costs £2 per child, is suitable for children aged four to eight, focused on Peter Pan.

There will be two sessions at the Festival Place venue, starting at 2pm and 2.45pm.

The Firm in town

LIVE MUSIC: Aldershot-based band The Firm will be arriving at the King's Head in Alton on Saturday, August 13.

The three-piece group are arriving at the Market Street venue to perform popular tunes from over the years.

It will begin at 9pm and the gig is free.

Eddie the Eagle

FILM SCREENING: This year's blockbuster 'Eddie the Eagle', will be shown at Tadley Community Centre on Saturday, August 6 and Sunday, August 7.

Starring Taron Egerton, Hugh Jackman, Christopher Walken and Jim Broadbent, the biographical flick looks at the career of ski jumper Michael 'Eddie the Eagle' Edwards.

It starts at 7pm.

Get ready for some laughs

THE last 12 months have seen many famous names arrive in Basingstoke.

By **James Richings**

From word wizard Gyles Brandreth to last year's Britain's Got Talent runner-up Jamie Raven, Basingstoke and beyond have had their fair share of big-name shows within the last year.

But whilst the theatres such as The Anvil, Bordon's Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre and Basingstoke's Central Studio are all enjoying their summer breaks, September will see a new line-up of entertainers arrive in the town, with Jan Jack's Laughter-House announcing their line-up.

Once a month, the Red Lion Hotel in Basingstoke sees four established comics arrive at the Red Lion Lane venue to share their wit and gags in front of a packed crowd.

Returning on Thursday, September 8, the opening act of the autumn line-up will see Chris Kent, MC Phil Dinsdale and headline act Ben Norris arrive in Basingstoke.

Ben comes to the Red Lion Hotel with over 20 years of experience as a stand-up comic, with the funnyman working with fellow comics such as Ed Byrne, as well as appearing on shows such as 'Mock the Week' and 'Never Mind the Buzzcocks'.

• *Funny man Ben Norris will be at the Red Lion Hotel on Thursday, September 8*

A month later on Thursday, October 13, MC Andrew Ryan, Ola, Isac Radu and Zoe Lyons stop off in Basingstoke.

The multi-award winning Zoe, who will be headlining October's line-up, comes to the Laughter-House as part of her UK tour.

November will see Phil Dinsdale return as the compare with Jack Berry, Dan Evans and Jonny Awsum for company on Thursday, November 10.

Known for his musical approach, November's headline Jonnny Awsum is set to perform comical tunes off his latest album, whilst telling some interesting anecdotes.

Sharing his unique performance style, Jonny has gigged all over the world, including sets in Cyprus, Austria and Hong Kong.

He will be performing at next year's Download Festival in Donington Park, Leicestershire.

Finally, this year's last Laughter-House line-up of the year will see MC Andrew Ryan return, alongside Steve Buega, Rich Wilson and Dave Fulton on Thursday, December 1.

• *Zoe Lyons (picture courtesy from www.zoelyons.co.uk)*

Known for his 'no nonsense' demeanour, Dave will be talking how he entered comedy along with humorous tales from his younger years.

For further information about Jan Jack's events, visit laughter-house.vpweb.co.uk.

Autumn line-up at Jan Jack's Laughter-House

Thursday, September 8
Ben Norris,
Chris Kent
Phil Disdale

Thursday, October 13
Zoe Lyons
Ola
Isac Radu
Andrew Ryan

Thursday, November 10
Jonny Awsum
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Thursday, December 1
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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

Sat, Aug 6, 12pm
Fleet Beer Festival, Fleet
KINDRED SPIRIT
The Kindred Spirit Band with Elaine Samuels (guitar / vocals), Gavin Jones (electric violin / vocals), Emily Nash (flute / sax / vocals), Mike Hislop (bass / vocals) and Chris Goode (drums) are playing their electrifying folk-rock tunes.

Sat, Aug 6, 9pm
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Sat, Aug 6 – Thu, Aug 11
Corn Exchange Cinema, Newbury
RACE
This is the extraordinary story of how Jesse Owens, a poor African American from Cleveland, Ohio, became a quadruple-gold medal winner at Hitler's infamous 1936 Berlin Olympics.
Coach Larry Snyder (Jason Sudeikis) pushes Owens (Stephan James) towards the Games, despite the racism Owens will face at home as well as in Europe.
The resulting political and personal struggles infuse a movie that is both emotionally compelling and visually thrilling.

Sat, Aug 6, 7.30pm
Corn Exchange, Newbury
NEWBURY MUSIC COMPETITION
The last competition saw an amazing line-up of Newbury's finest, with victors Elasea, who fought tough competition from This Is Shark Country, In Darklight and Ruling Over Heroes.
This year will continue to inspire and entertain. Come along and support the best in local live music, all competing to win professional recording at Hogan Music.

Fri, Aug 12 – Tue, Aug 16
Corn Exchange Cinema, Newbury
WEINER
A documentary film about Anthony Weiner, a US congressman who resigned following a sex scandal. While he was attempting a comeback by running for New York mayor in 2013, it was revealed that he was still texting photos of his private parts to women he did not know.
Documentarians Elyse Steinberg and Josh Kriegman were already filming the handsome, charismatic and otherwise savvy Weiner's apparent political rebirth when this new hell broke loose, and carried on doing so – with jaw-dropping consequences

Sun, Aug 14, 2.30pm
Shaw House, Newbury
DANNY THE CHAMPION OF THE WORLD
Danny thinks his dad is the most marvellous and exciting father a boy could wish for. Life is happy and peaceful in their caravan, until one day Danny discovers his dad has a secret passion for pheasant shooting. Danny soon finds himself the mastermind behind the most incredible and daring plot ever attempted against nasty, greedy Mr Victor Hazell.

Sun, Aug 21, 10.30am
The Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre, Bordon
THREE COUNTIES HIFI & RECORD
Vintage hifi specialists 'Hifi Hangar' based in Bordon and 'Bens Collectors Records' shop in Guildford have come together to bring you The 'Three Counties Hifi & Record Fair'. This will be a whole day event where you will be able to hear, see and buy a range of vintage and new hifi equipment, ranging from Valve amplifiers, Turntables, Reel to Reels tape machines and speakers. There will be live music, a licensed bar, a hog roast and more.

Wed, Aug 24, 8pm
Corn Exchange, Newbury
BILL BAILEY
Bill Bailey returns to the Corn Exchange with a warm up for his show, Limboland.
Bill visited us in September last year with his Work In Progress for the show, and we can't wait to see which 'bits' made the cut!
In Limboland, Bill explores the gap between how we imagine our lives to be and how they really are. With his trademark intelligence and sharp wit, he tells tales of finding himself in this halfway place.
From his countless global travels, he recounts the hilarious saga of a disastrous family trip to Norway to see the Northern Lights. He rails against a world that doesn't match up to our expectations and contemplates the true nature of happiness.
And no Bill Bailey show would be complete without music, so we have Bill's version of the protest song, a heart-rending country and western ballad played on a Bible, and a fabulously downbeat version of Happy Birthday.

Thu, Aug 25, 8pm
Griff Rhys Jones
NEW GREENHAM ARTS, NEWBURY
Griff Rhys Jones is airing some thoughts - stories, anecdotes, reminiscences and half-remembered events from a long career with his much missed comedy partner Mel Smith.

Mon, Aug 29 – Fri, Sept 2
Corn Exchange, Newbury
NCDC SUMMER DANCE 2016
Come and join NCDC & nocturn dance on this ever-popular dance week.
Five days of intensive dance workshops with industry professionals culminating in a public performance on Friday 28th August! Participants will work alongside dance professionals experiencing the daily routine of a dancer's life; morning class, choreographic sessions, rehearsals & then more rehearsals to perfect their steps. Experience in dance is not essential, as the week will provide something for all standards from the complete beginner to the more advanced student. Enthusiasm, energy and a willingness to work hard however will be required, as they are the vital ingredients for a successful and rewarding week!

Fri, Sept 2, 7pm
Corn Exchange, Newbury
NCDC SUMMER DANCE WEEK PERFORMANCE
This performance is the culmination of five days rehearsal at the annual Summer Dance Week, bringing together dancers from across West Berkshire.

Sat, Sept 3, 7.45pm
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Thu, Sept 8, 7.45pm
Corn Exchange, Newbury
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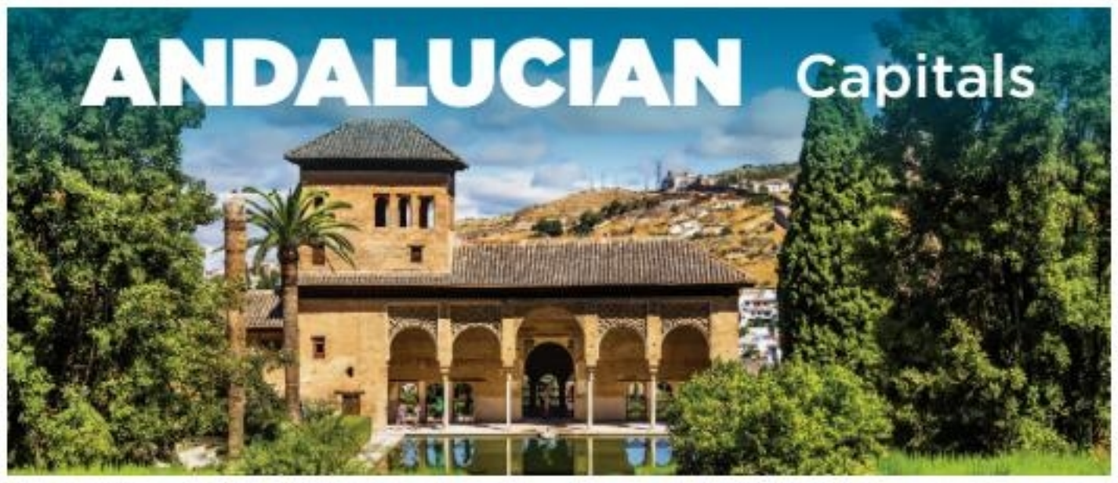

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By **Anthony Yates**

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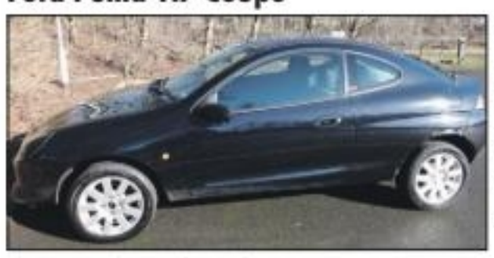

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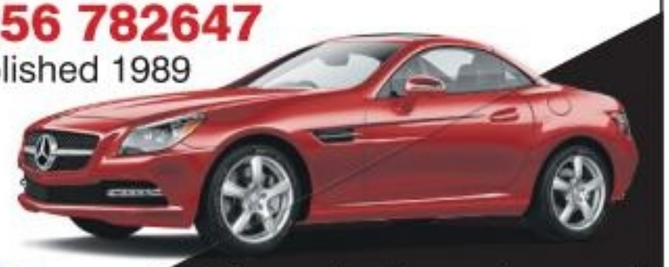

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Bison boss is bullish over possible title tilt

BASINGSTOKE Bison's director of hockey has reassured fans that the ongoing problems with the club's ice rink will not derail their hopes of claiming another league title.

Extensive improvements to the Basingstoke Arena are currently being made that will see seating capacity at the home of the Stampede halved to just 1,000 in the coming season.

Herd officials were forced to come out and dispel rumours circulating online last month that longstanding issues with the away block side of the building would result in the club having to find a new home.

This won't be the case, although Planet Ice has confirmed that, while all work being carried out will be finished before next month's opening weekend, the south seating block will be closed to fans for the foreseeable future.

Other developments off ice have been extremely positive, as head coach Doug Sheppard has re-signed 13 of last year's English Premier League (EPL) winning roster, while also adding four new faces.

By **Christian Wilson**

And the Bison boss has backed his side to make history by repeating the feat in front of a smaller, but sold out crowd, this time around.

He said: "Only once in 11 years has a team successfully defended its league title, and we look forward to the coming season with that goal in mind.

"The rink has suffered its share of problems in recent months, but I'm confident Planet Ice will have our rink back to business as usual in the near future."

Sheppard's latest piece of business saw Slough-born forward Shaun Thompson re-sign for the club last week, after playing a key role in the Stampede's success, following his arrival from Manchester Phoenix last summer.

The 29-year-old impressed in a more defensive role than he performed in his two previous spells in Basingstoke, but still managed to collect 39 points and score 14 times.

"We have improved our team, which we needed to do as this league is getting tougher every year," said Thompson.

"I enjoyed last season winning the league and it would be really nice to do it again."

Last campaign's EPL title came 11 years after Thompson's other win with the Bracknell Bees, with Sheppard expressing his hope that the championship-winning experience now flowing through the roster would help take the forward's tally to three.

He said: "I'm very positive about the squad we have put together.

"Many of last year's team have returned and we have some exciting new faces.

"It's so easy to be negative when going through adverse times – let's find a positive."

A Planet Ice spokesperson added: "This problem has not occurred overnight, nor within the last year.

"The building has had known infrastructure issues for over 20 years and certainly prior to the takeover by Planet Ice."

• Doug Sheppard (picture by grantkingphotography.com)

Bountymen see off Totton to go fourth in league

BASINGSTOKE and North Hants made it three wins from four on Saturday to move up to fourth place in the Southern Premier Division 1.

The Bountymen put in a fine all-round performance to win at a canter by eight wickets against Totton and Eling at May's Bounty.

After losing the previous week to high-flying Andover, despite hitting 238 runs, Basingstoke showed no signs of feeling sorry for themselves, as they took the initiative with the ball.

The majority of the damage was done early on by Martyn James (3-19) and Mitch Stokes (2-18) as they dispatched each of Totton's opening five batsmen, with only Ollie Perrin (27) making it into double figures.

And there was a similar trend for the visitors' tail end, as Mathew Thankachan and Ryan Connor both took two wickets apiece without losing many runs to remove Totton all out for just 125.

While only three batsmen made it past 10 for Totton, crucially each of Basingstoke's managed the feat, as Richard Vinn (37) and Stokes (27) rumbled the score along.

The top score of the day went to William Phillips (46) once again however, as only the run chase denied him a second half century in a week.

Next up for Basingstoke is an away trip to Rowledge this Saturday afternoon.

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'Stoke secure unbeaten pre-season

BASINGSTOKE Town completed their pre-season schedule in style last week as they warmed up for the new season with two more wins.

Terry Brown's side followed up an impressive 2-1 win over National League South side Gosport Borough on Wednesday with a 3-0 success at Guernsey on Saturday.

The two victories were 'Stoke's fourth and fifth on the bounce and ensured that they maintained their unbeaten record through pre-season ahead of Saturday's Evo-Stik Southern curtain raiser at home to Banbury.

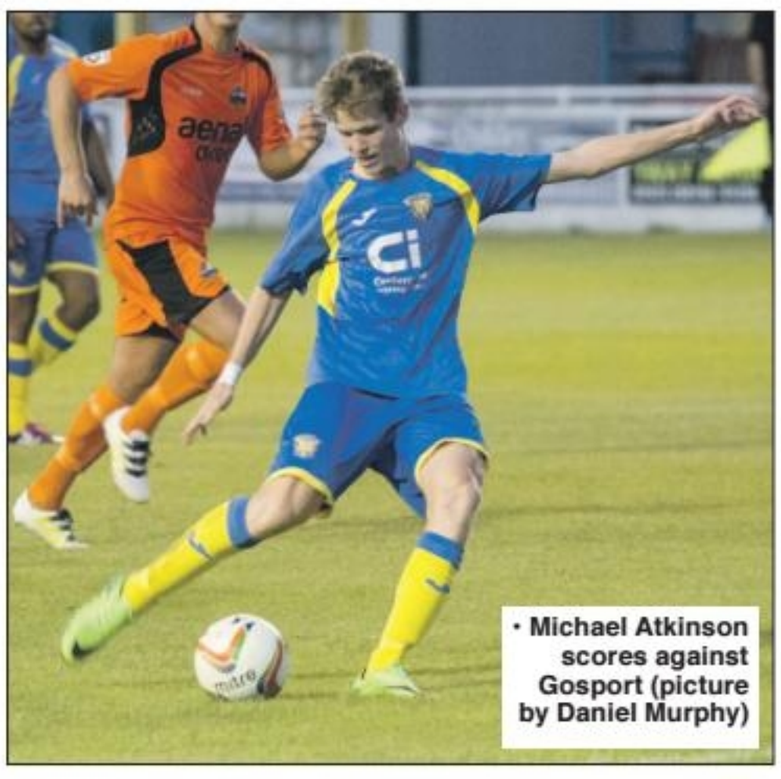
They will go into that tie as a completely unrecognisable side from that which finished last season, with the arrival of midfielders Ashleigh Artwell and Dan Collier on Tuesday taking Brown's list of new summer recruits up to 14.

But it was one of the four players retained from last term that opened the deadlock against Gosport, as striker Aaron Jarvis scored just after half-time.

And after a close range header brought Gosport level, Basingstoke won it with a superb goal as George Bennett found midfielder Michael Atkinson, whose curled finish from the edge of the box found the top corner.

Town travelled all the way to the Channel Islands to play their final friendly three days later, and it was another blistering effort, this time from Aaron Redford, that gave them the lead.

Striker George Hallahan then found the net for the sixth time in pre-season, before Artwell wrapped the game up for Basingstoke with a third.



• Michael Atkinson scores against Gosport (picture by Daniel Murphy)

Sport Bites

Fixtures released

ICE HOCKEY: Basingstoke Bison will start their English Premier League (EPL) title defence at home to Telford Tigers, it was revealed this week.

The Herd will then follow up the opener on September 10 with a trip up north to face the Hull Pirates the following evening.

For a full list of the Stampede's 2016/17 fixtures, visit basingstokeobserver.co.uk/bison-201617-fixtures-revealed.

Rose recovery

GOLF: Justin Rose finished strongly but was unable to claim a top-20 finish at the PGA Championship on Sunday.

The north Hampshire golfer shot rounds of 70 (E) and 72 (+2) on the opening two days of the tournament to just make the cut by one shot at the Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, New Jersey.

Rose recovered well to shoot an excellent four-under par 66 on Saturday however, after collecting birdies at the third, fourth, 15th, 17th, and 18th holes.

And he collected four more birdies on day four to fire a final round score for 68 (-2) to end the tournament at four-under to claim a tie for 22nd.

Run goes on

CRICKET: Hook and Newnham Basics continued their recent good run with a seven wicket win over Old Tauntonians and Romsey on Saturday.

Bowlers Aniket Divecha (3-31) and Kieran Thompson (3-10) did the most damage as Hook bowled out their Southern Premier Division 1 rivals out for just 110.

And knocks of 42 and 32 from Harry Came and Kieran Thompson then saw the hosts across the line with plenty to spare as they moved up to second.

Things didn't go as well for Hartley Wintney in Division 2 however, as an unbeaten 100 from Dan Babridge saw them lose by nine wickets to league leaders Eastleigh.

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Hook-based racer back at the top of BTCC standings

COLLARD'S TITLE DREAM GOES ON

ROB Collard was left with much to celebrate over the weekend, despite missing out on his third British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) win of the season in heart breaking fashion.

By **Christian Wilson**

On a crazy two days at Snetterton, the Hook racer managed to claw back West Surrey Racing (WSR) teammate Sam Tordoff's 12-point lead to move to the top of the standings by the chequered flag in race three.

And it could have been even sweeter for 47-year-old Collard, as he was passed by reigning champion Gordon Shedden on the final lap to bring an end to a sensational day of racing on Sunday.

From massive multiple car collisions, to high-speed overtakes and high-profile dropouts, BTCC fans were treated to just about everything at the Norfolk track.

Although he would eventually emerge from the madness to top the pile, things didn't start so well for Collard on Saturday, as he finished a disappointing qualifying session back in 18th on the grid.

Things didn't get much better the following day in race one, as he made barely any ground to finish 16th, to leave him fearing the worst for the rest of the weekend.

Things really sparked into life in the next race however, as a collision between Dan Welch and Ollie Jackson at the end of the first lap resulted in a pileup with three other cars.

The race was shortened as a result, with Collard looking like a man possessed as his BMW 125i Msport flew up the order to fourth in no time at all, where he agonisingly missed out on a podium spot to Matt Neal following a thrilling wheel-to-wheel battle.

Race three was also marked with a red flag as a four-car collision sent Hunter Abbott's Power Maxed Racing Chevrolet into a barrel roll that flipped over the barrier, and missed a cameraman on the television gantry by inches.

That set the tone for an adrenaline-fuelled final race, as championship leader Tordoff broke down to leave an open pathway to the top for Collard.

And he looked to have taken full advantage after storming into the lead on lap two, before Shedden's Honda Civic Type R roared past just a few corners from the end.

Speaking after the race, Collard chose to focus on the overall picture, saying: "After qualifying yesterday I wasn't expecting anything.

"Race one didn't go to plan either and I thought the day was over.

"To come back from that and be leading the championship is just absolutely amazing."

• Hook's Rob Collard is now leading the British Touring Car Championship after a thrilling round of races at Snetterton (picture by btcc.net)

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